(b) whether these new projects will be located in the Western Orissa districts and will irrigate vast areas in the drought-hit districts of Kalahandi, Bolangir, Sambalpur etc; and

(c) the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) 10 new irrigation project proposals tentatively costing Rs. 1242 crore have not been received for techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission from Government of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Resettlement of drought prone farmers in Andhra Pradesh**

265. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to intervene to resolve issues between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka regarding the storage capacity increase in the Jurala project across the Krishna river and the execution of certain works on the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) which would ensure increased inflows to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the action proposed to assist the drought-prone farmers of Mahabubnagar in Andhra Pradesh for increasing the project storage capacity as the Andhra Pradesh Government is ready to pay towards rehabilitation/resettlement of the people in areas that would be submerged following increased storage; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure amicable settlement in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No such request has been received by the Union Government from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.